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 Priority number: WO1995US15925
 Publication date: yyyyymmdd
 Applicant: Institut Pasteur
 Inventor: "darrow charles" Smith
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Inventor: DARROW CHARLES B

Applicant: PARKER BROTHERS

EC:

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Publication info: CA362124 - 1936-11-24

2 Board game apparatus

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Inventor: DARROW CHARLES B

Applicant: PARKER BROTHERS INC

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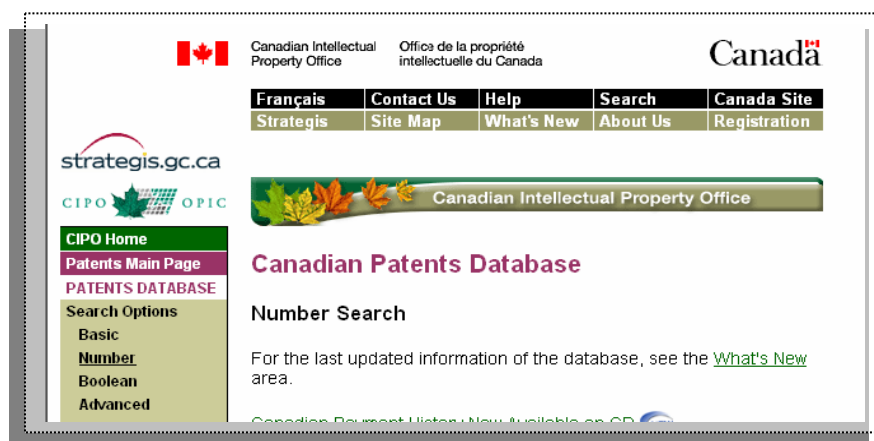
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IF...you only have the inventor's name and think his or her U.S. patent would have been issued between **1909 - 1920**:

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Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Patents (SuDoc number I 23.1/1)

- check the **Alphabetical List of Patentees for the Year** for **utility patents** by the inventor's name.

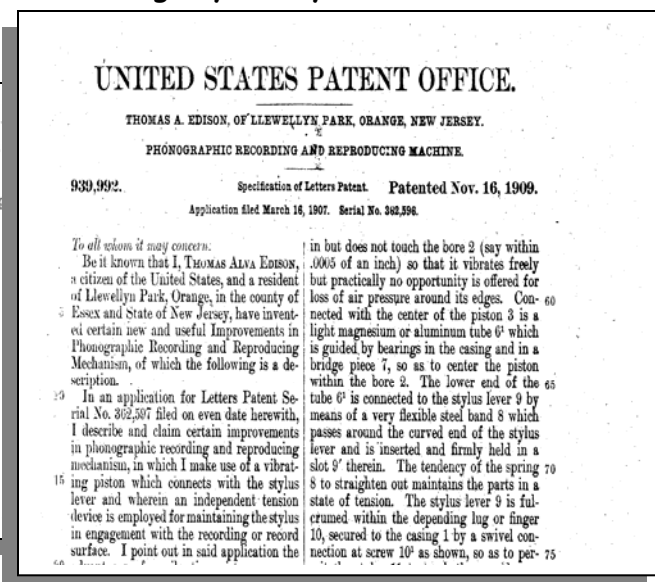
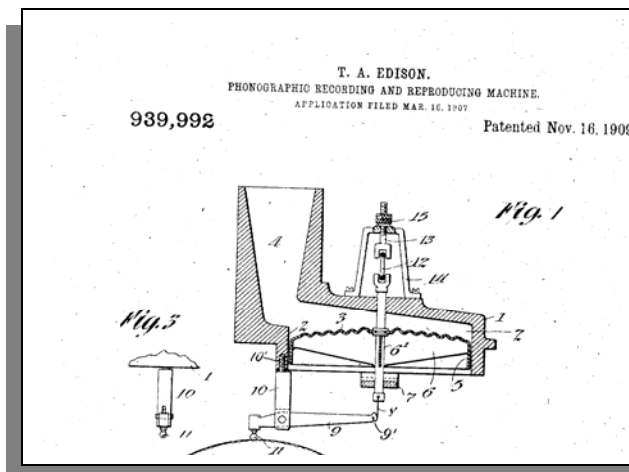
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- check the **Alphabetical List of Patentees of Designs** for design Patents (usually near the front, after the short Office Report)
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
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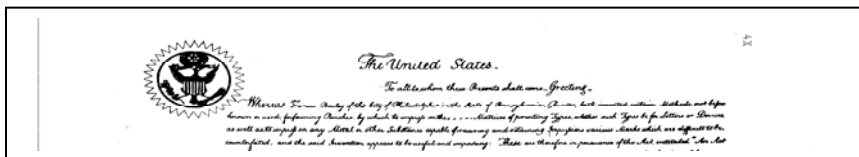
- The patentees list also provides the volume of the weekly Patent Gazette and page on which the full patent appears:
- **Gaz.** refers to the weekly **Patent Gazette**
- The State Library has **Patent Gazettes** since 1872 (SuDoc **C 21.5**:).

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IF...you think your inventor would have been issued a patent prior to 1909, you must locate the **Report of the Commissioner of Patents to Congress** in the **Serial Set** to find the patentee indexes.

- see the **Serial Set Document table** below for which Serial Set document is the Patent Office report. (Note: the first numbered patent dates to 1836)
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- use the viewer in the Reference area or the Law Collection's 2nd floor viewer/printer to view and copy list pages. Early reports have claims summaries as well.



IF... you think the patent issued prior to 1836:

- see librarian for alternate indexes to locate the very early patents.
- The earliest patent indexes may be found in the **American State Papers**; later ones are also in the **Serial Set**.

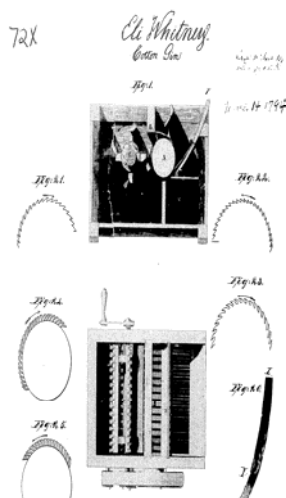
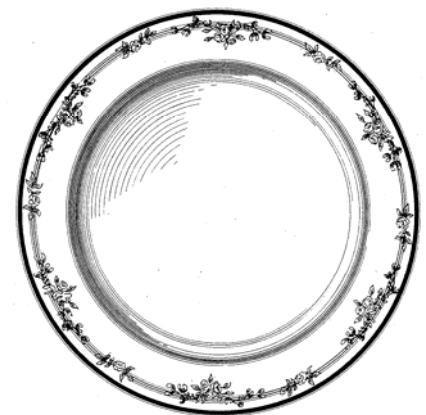
- Patents before 1836 were originally without patent numbers and were given "X Numbers". Find them online by putting in the X in front of the number: X4.
- 2/3 of early patents were lost in a December 1836 Patent Office fire.

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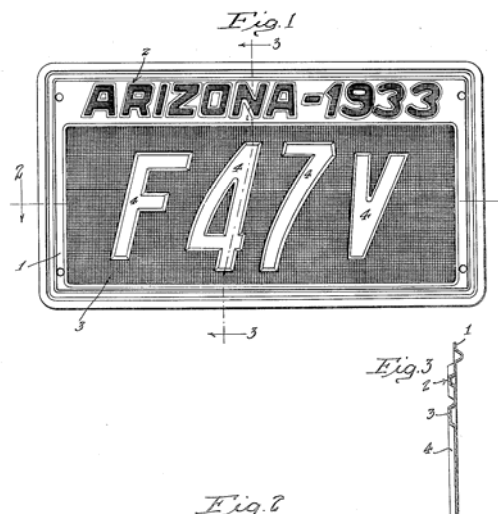
- a number of resources on searching patents by classification are available.
- the USPTO has produced a number of specialized patent resources focusing on women inventors, the subject of inventions, and others.
- historical and genealogical journals have published articles about inventors of specific geographic regions
- if the inventor is from a state other than Arizona, they may be listed in one of the databases of inventors compiled by researchers and librarians (time periods vary):

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T. HAVILAND.
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